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## Xicrins Indians continue to occupy Carajas Mine

Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) clarifies:

- 1) About 200 Xicrin Indians, from the Catete and Djudjekô tribes, continue to occupy CVRD's installations in Carajás, in Pará state, armed with bows, arrows and sticks. On Wednesday, Oct 18th, the Indians received a court order, granted by the Federal Justice, authorising CVRD to retake possession of its installations and determining that the Indians should leave the area invaded on Oct 17th;
- 2) CVRD's operational activities are suspended and 15,000 employees at Carajas site are not working. Carajas daily production totals 250,000 tonnes of iron ore, which is no longer being exported. That may lead the Company to adopt legal measures concerning supply contracts with its clients;
- 3) CVRD understands that Funai National Indian Foundation is responsible for any negotiation with the Indians but, so far, the foundation has not succeeded in convincing them to leave the area;
- 4) CVRD reiterates that it does not accept such illegal methods and will not give in to blackmail of any kind.
- 5) Carajás mines are not located in Indian land.

### More information



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